

Oklahoma Chapter - Association of College and Research Libraries

April 16, 1999, Rogers State University, Thunderbird Library

Minutes

Present:

Tom Thorisch, President
Susan Hahn, President-Elect
Rhonda Harris Taylor, Past President
Laura Bottoms, Treasurer
Julia Crawford, Secretary
Betsy Tonn, Board
Darcy Rankin, Board
Anne Prestamo, Board
Edwin Wiles, OBIC Chair
Thorisch called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of March meeting: Tonn moved to accept, Taylor seconded, minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Bottoms presented report showing a beginning balance of \$3,340.39 (3/12/99) and an ending balance (4/16/99) of \$3,241.42. Bottoms reported three individuals had paid dues (3 x \$5 = \$15) and two checks had been written (Certificates \$17.70, March newsletter \$96.27). Hahn moved to accept report, Tonn seconded, report approved.

OBIC: Wiles reported that OBIC will hold a luncheon on April 30 to present materials gathered at the "presentable presentation" workshop.

OLA Brown bag: Thorisch reiterated his desire that OKACRL follow-up on the new domain name for the web site: okacrl.okstate.edu. Prestamo and Crawford will pursue domain change with Library's Systems Department.

Newsletter / Web site: Prestamo reported that so far, no newsletters had been returned. Prestamo did have several email alerts bounce though. These will need to be cleaned up before the June newsletter- reminder is distributed. Thorisch will be taking Bottoms' member database and updating with his list of email addresses. Hahn will be manually tracking down other email addresses. Prestamo reminded the group that June 1 is the deadline for June Newsletter submissions. Thorisch also asked if Prestamo/Crawford would check on the "missing" link to ACRL's site. Prestamo volunteered to contact Karen Bays regarding providing reciprocal news items from the OLA newsletter.

Report from National ACRL Conference: Thorisch reported that the reception in the National President's suite was very nice. Discovered that OKACRL is one of ten chapters to not yet act on the merge/incorporate issue. Thorisch visited with Louisiana Chapter representative and discovered that the LA chapter incorporated without the use of an attorney. Crawford volunteered to contact a local attorney (spouse of OSU Librarian) and ask for a quote 1) him doing all the work and 2) him looking over our work and signing papers.

Thorisch reported that many of the chapters that incorporated rather than merging did so because the governing organization required forfeiture of treasury. Question was posed regarding raising dues. It was realized that raising the dues of the relative few people who

join outside of ACRL would not significantly effect the treasury. Bottoms explained that the bulk of our membership numbers come from National ACRL members, who are members of the OK Chapter automatically (free). Our membership level entitles us to \$100 (total) from National ACRL. It was decided that the fall conference would have a slightly higher attendance fee, to help offset the anticipated attorney fees. Taylor suggested the board investigate an "endowment fund" to help fund autonomy.

Fall Conference: Thorisch spoke with Carol Berger and found that she has a conflict and will not be able to speak. Thorisch did get a list of other possible speakers, while at National ACRL in Detroit. He attended a presentation entitled "Leadership at the Library Director and Librarian Level" which considered what commercial consultants look for, and what we "inside" are missing. Another participant at the meeting provided Thorisch with speaker possibilities.

Hahn mentioned a recent Business Week article regarding Highsmith, and the corporate librarian there involved in knowledge management. Taylor pointed out that OU SLIS Professor Claire McInerney wrote her dissertation on the topic. Thorisch has been contacting the speaker possibilities suggested to him by other ACRL attendees, such as Gary Pitkin, Dean of Libraries at Northern Colorado; Ed Meachen, U of Wisconsin's Assoc. Provost for Information librarian turned library director turned systems department head turned CIO.

It was discussed that librarians are feeling overwhelmed by information overload, as well as overload of roles. The "Millennium Librarian," if we don't define our role, we may lose our place. The reality of the Library Role in the millennium is that the skills we've always had and valued are still viable. We are concerned with the success of the end user. The human factor is still important. We are clinging to the "L" word because it is a place. But we are still trying to be mediators, just like the library of 100 years ago.

Title suggested: Information Mediators Still Needed.

Thorisch will compile the names that have been suggested so that the group can look over them.

Taylor suggested subsidizing attendance for student workers. It was discussed that "a contest" would be used to get 10 institutions to "sponsor" a student attendee (free).

Membership updates: Hahn and Thorisch will be working to update the list. Thorisch hopes to create a physical directory, which could be distributed to a single representative at each institution.

Other Business: Prestamo updated the web site bylaws to reflect the changes voted on by OLA Brown Bag attendees. Thorisch asked board members to be "keeping and eye out" for candidates for office.

Next meeting: the next OK-ACRL Board meeting will be held May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the OU SLIS Conference Room. Taylor will be obtaining parking passes to mail to board members in advance.

Hahn moved to adjourn, Crawford seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, April 28, 1999.
Julia Crawford, Secretary